

# Home Pollinator Garden Recipe

Planting native shrubs, vines, and perennials will provide food for bees, butterflies, moths, birds, wasps and other beneficial insects. Some plants are especially important as they also act as host plants for butterfly or moth caterpillars.

## Ingredients

lots of compost  
native perennials and shrubs (see back for suggestions)  
water  
mulch  
shovel  
hose  
sprinkler

1. remove grass, weeds, etc
2. dig soil to a one foot depth
3. add compost
4. mix in thoroughly
5. unpot plants and gently loosen root system
6. dig holes for the plants - diameter of each hole = 2x diameter of the plant;  
make depth slightly deeper than depth of plants
7. water the hole
8. place plant in hole and fill with soil/compost mix
9. gently tamp down so that new soil makes contact with roots
10. water deeply
11. mulch; 2 inches is good, but keep mulch away from stem
12. water deeply every day for a week, then every other day for a week, then twice during the third week, and once a week after that







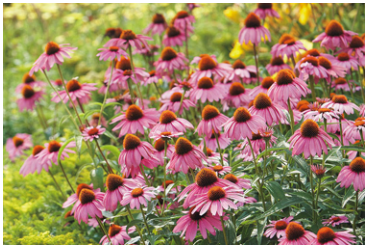
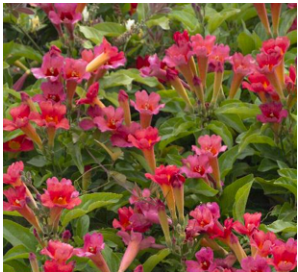


## Suggestions

- “watering deeply” means leaving the sprinkler on for 1/2 hour; most people water too little
- include shrubs, vines and a tree, if possible, in addition to perennials

This recipe comes from Mary Lynn Kalogeras, who created the Pollinator Garden next to the Millerton Post Office. Learn more about this garden by scanning the QR code or going to [climatesmartmillerton.org/community-projects/#PollinatorGarden](http://climatesmartmillerton.org/community-projects/#PollinatorGarden)



## Some Pollinator Friendly Plants Native to our Area

	<p>serviceberry (white) - bees, host plant for swallowtail &amp; Weidemeyer's admiral caterpillars</p> <p style="text-align: center;">butterfly weed (orange) - monarch butterfly host plant</p>	
	<p>milkweed (white) - host plant for monarchs, queen, soldier, dogbane tiger caterpillars</p> <p style="text-align: center;">milkweed (rose)</p>	
	<p>beebalm (lavendar) - caterpillar host plant</p> <p style="text-align: center;">showy goldenrod (yellow) - solitary wasps, fireflies, soldier beetles, mining bees, polyester bee, long horned bee</p>	
	<p>coneflower (echinacea, purple) - host plant for silvery checkerspot butterfly caterpillars</p> <p style="text-align: center;">trumpet creeper vine (scarlet)</p>	
	<p>New England/New York aster (lavender) - host plant for pearl crescent, northern crescent butterflies, arcigera flower moth</p> <p style="text-align: center;">blazing star (lavender) - monarch butterfly host plant</p>	

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